



Bloomington Fire Department

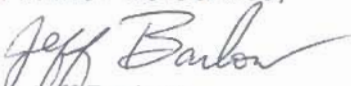
Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the City of Bloomington Fire Department. This is the first of many steps you will take in your efforts to become part of a rapidly changing and exciting public service fire department. The Bloomington Fire Department has a long tradition of outstanding fire protection in the community and we are looking for men and women that are willing to work hard and maintain this tradition.

As a firefighter with our department you can anticipate serving the community in ways you never imagined. You will be asked to fight fires, respond to hazardous materials releases, and perform specialty rescue services such as auto extrication and confined space rescue. There will be large amounts of training covering a number of topics both in the classroom and individually in the station. You will also be called upon for emergency medical response to help our citizens and visitors with life threatening medical emergencies. It is the policy of our department to require all new firefighters to become Indiana certified as Emergency Medical Technicians. We conduct tours of our facilities and we go into the community to teach fire safety, fire prevention, emergency preparedness education, and at times you may be involved with fire investigation and fire inspections.

If all this sounds like a lot to do, it is! We need can-do attitudes that actively look for ways to make each day better for someone other than themselves. This is not an easy occupation and if you want something easy, stop right here. Make no mistake, you will be asked to serve the entire Bloomington community. If you are ready to serve along side us, I wish you well in this application process. You will find relevant dates regarding the process outlined below. Good luck in your pursuit of becoming a member of our proud organization, the Bloomington Fire Department.

Yours in the Fire Service,


Jeff Barlow
Fire Chief

Application period:	June 14 th – 30 th 2004
Written Test:	July 31 st 2004
Physical Agility Test:	August 21, 2004
Interview(s):	Start in late August

** Please be sure all information provided on your application is accurate, including your phone number.

STANDARDS FOR APPOINTMENT **TO THE DEPARTMENT**

For appointment as a Firefighter with the City of Bloomington, Indiana, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

- * In order to comply with Public Employee Retirement Fund requirements, the applicant must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and not have reached age thirty-six (36) before appointment to the department.
- * The applicant must be a high school graduate as evidenced by a diploma issued by a high school accredited by the department or agency of the State authorized to accredit high schools or have certification of an equivalent education. A college degree is preferred.
- * The applicant must reside in Monroe County or a county adjacent to Monroe County and maintain residential telephone service at the time of appointment to the department.
- * The applicant shall possess a valid driving license from the State of Indiana at the time of appointment.
- * The applicant must submit to oral interviews before the Fire Personnel Screening Committee and the Board of Public Safety for the purpose of determining such characteristics as the applicant's ability to communicate, experience and background.
- * The applicant must be of acceptable character as determined through the application process and by a thorough background investigation.
- * Applicants must successfully pass a written firefighter selection examination and the physical agility test per statewide guidelines.
- * After a job offer is made, the applicant must pass a psychological screening and physical examination performed by a licensed physician or surgeon, chosen by the Fire Pension Board, and be accepted into the Public Employees' Retirement Fund.



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Initial Application Form

Please type or print neatly in ink.

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Contact information – this information will be used by the City of Bloomington during the hiring process to contact you for scheduling or process notifications.

Present Address: _____
Street Number Street Apt. #

City State Zip Code

County Telephone number

E-mail address (if any) Additional telephone number (optional)

The written test will be based on material in the test preparation manual. Sample tests are also available for purchase from the testing vendor. An order form should be included with this application.

APPLICANTS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDERING AND PAYMENT FOR THIS MATERIAL

- ☐ I have received an order form for the test preparation materials.
- ☐ I have reviewed the *Standards for Appointment to the Department*.
- ☐ I understand a more detailed application complete with employment history, educational background, criminal history and background check, will be required of me later in the hiring process.
- ☐ The written test will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. EST at Bloomington High School South, 1965 S. Walnut Street in the cafeteria on July 31, 2004.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

To reserve a seat for the written test, please return this form to Employee Services by one of the following methods:

Mail: Employee Services Dept., City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street Suite 230, Bloomington, IN 47404

Email: esmail@bloomington.in.gov

Fax: 812-349-3446

Deadline for seat reservation for the written test is Wednesday, June 30, 2004.

FSI'S TEST PREPARATION MANUAL (TPM) 8th Edition FOR ENTRY-LEVEL FIREFIGHTERS

The Test Preparation Manual (TPM) 8th Edition consists of five chapters describing information needed to succeed as an entry-level firefighter. Candidates study this Manual for 3 to 6 weeks and then take a multiple-choice test measuring their retention of the material in the Manual. **All test questions come directly from this Manual**, so the more familiar the candidate is with the TPM, the higher their score will be on the test. **Purchasing this Manual is not required but is a strong recommendation for taking the test.**

TPM PRACTICE TEST (Optional):

The TPM Practice Test contains 50 questions that are similar to those in the actual TPM Test. The practice test consists of several questions from each of the five chapters covered in the Candidate Test Preparation Manual (TPM).

The Answer Key for the TPM Practice Test is also included.

TO ORDER THE TPM PLEASE SEND A \$17.00-MONEY ORDER ONLY
PAYABLE TO FIREFIGHTER SELECTION, INC and mailed to the address below.

TO ORDER THE TPM Practice test PLEASE SEND A \$7.00-MONEY ORDER ONLY
PAYABLE TO FIREFIGHTER SELECTION, INC and mailed to the address below.



THE ONLY WAY OBTAIN A TPM and A PRACTICE TEST IS BY MAILING A MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO FIREFIGHTER SELECTION, INC. MAILED TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. THERE WILL BE NO WALK-INS OR PHONE ORDERS ALLOWED!

Firefighter Selection, Inc.
2868 Prospect Park Drive, Suite 110
Rancho Cordova, CA. 95670

- ☐ Yes, please send me both the TPM 8th Ed. and the Practice Test. Enclosed is my money order for \$24.00.
- ☐ Yes, please send me the Test Preparation Manual (TPM) 8th Ed. Enclosed is my money order for \$17.00.
- ☐ Yes, please send me the TPM Practice Test 8th Ed. Enclosed is my money order for \$7.00.

Send my TPM & Practice Test to the following address:

Name: _____ Street _____ Apt.# _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ **Department Testing With: Bloomington, Indiana**

Please allow 5-10 business days for delivery.